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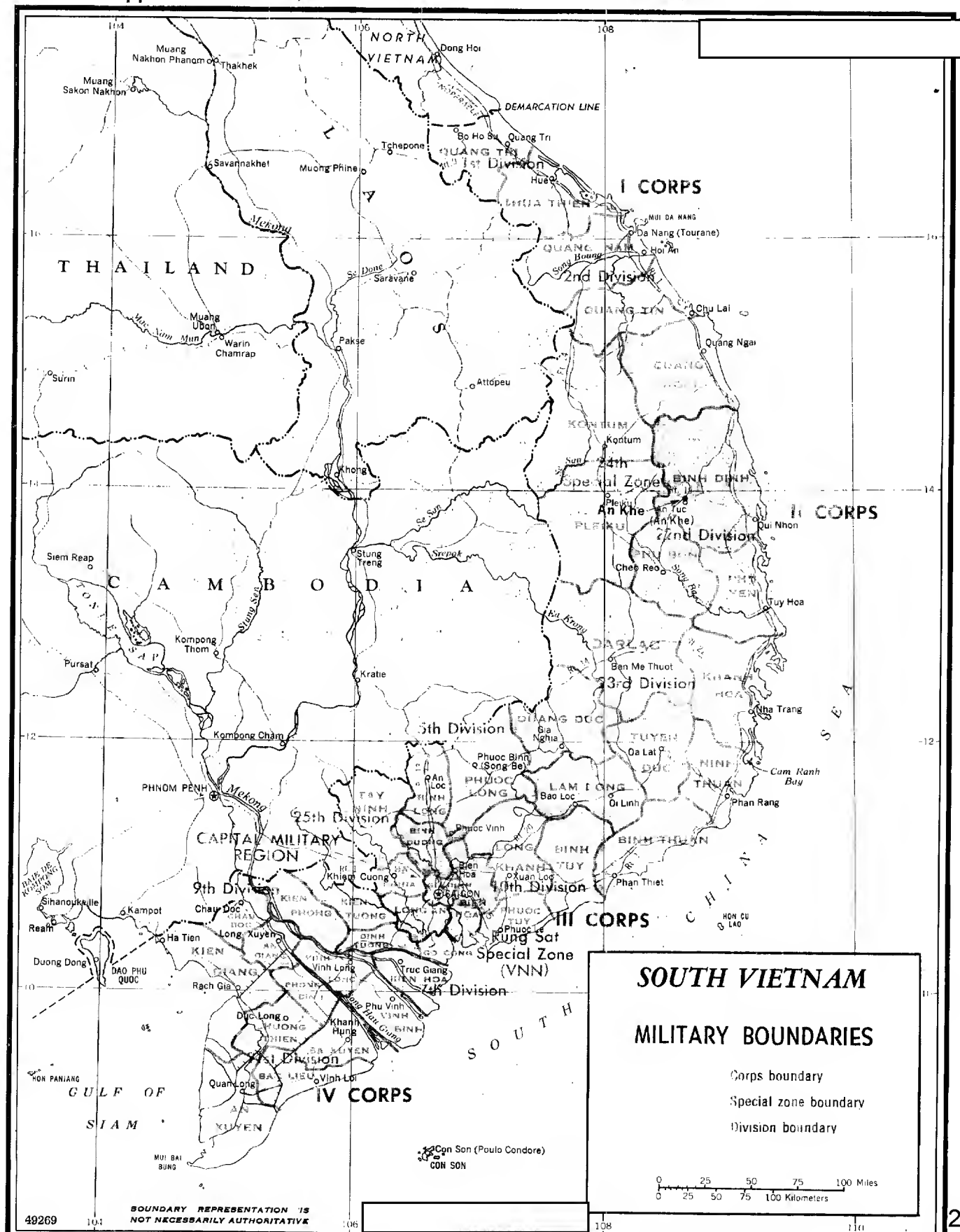
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The Military Situation in South Vietnam: Viet Cong strongholds in Binh Duong and Bien Hoa provinces north of Saigon continue to be the targets for various Vietnamese and US operations

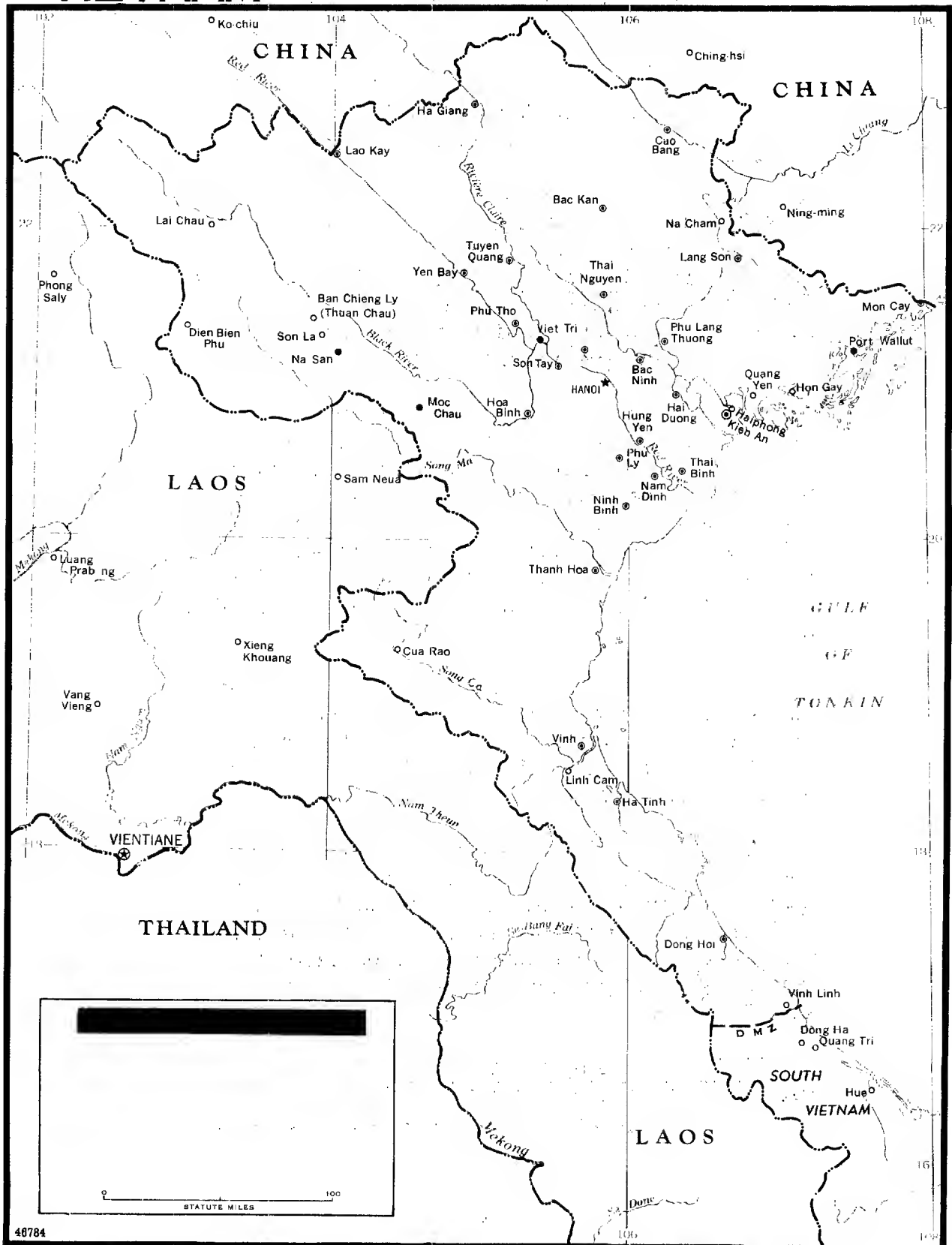
Vietnamese and allied troops yesterday concluded a major four-day ground operation in Binh Duong Province, killing 81 Viet Cong, capturing 85, and seizing a quantity of enemy supplies. Allied losses totaled 18 killed (17 US) and 80 wounded (58 US); there were no reports of Vietnamese casualties. Meanwhile, 26 US B-52 Stratofortresses bombed a suspected Viet Cong supply area a few miles further south.

[Programs for the defoliation of areas bordering roads and waterways and for the destruction of crops in areas controlled by the Viet Cong are also scheduled to take place in the eastern Binh Duong - northern Bien Hoa area next week.]

A brief skirmish with the Viet Cong occurred yesterday during the major US-Vietnamese ground operation being conducted 25 miles northeast of An Khe in Binh Dinh Province. Enemy main force units believed to have been in the area have thus far avoided a major engagement with Vietnamese and US forces.

Military Developments in North Vietnam: A PAVN soldier who deserted to the ARVN in mid-September has provided additional information on

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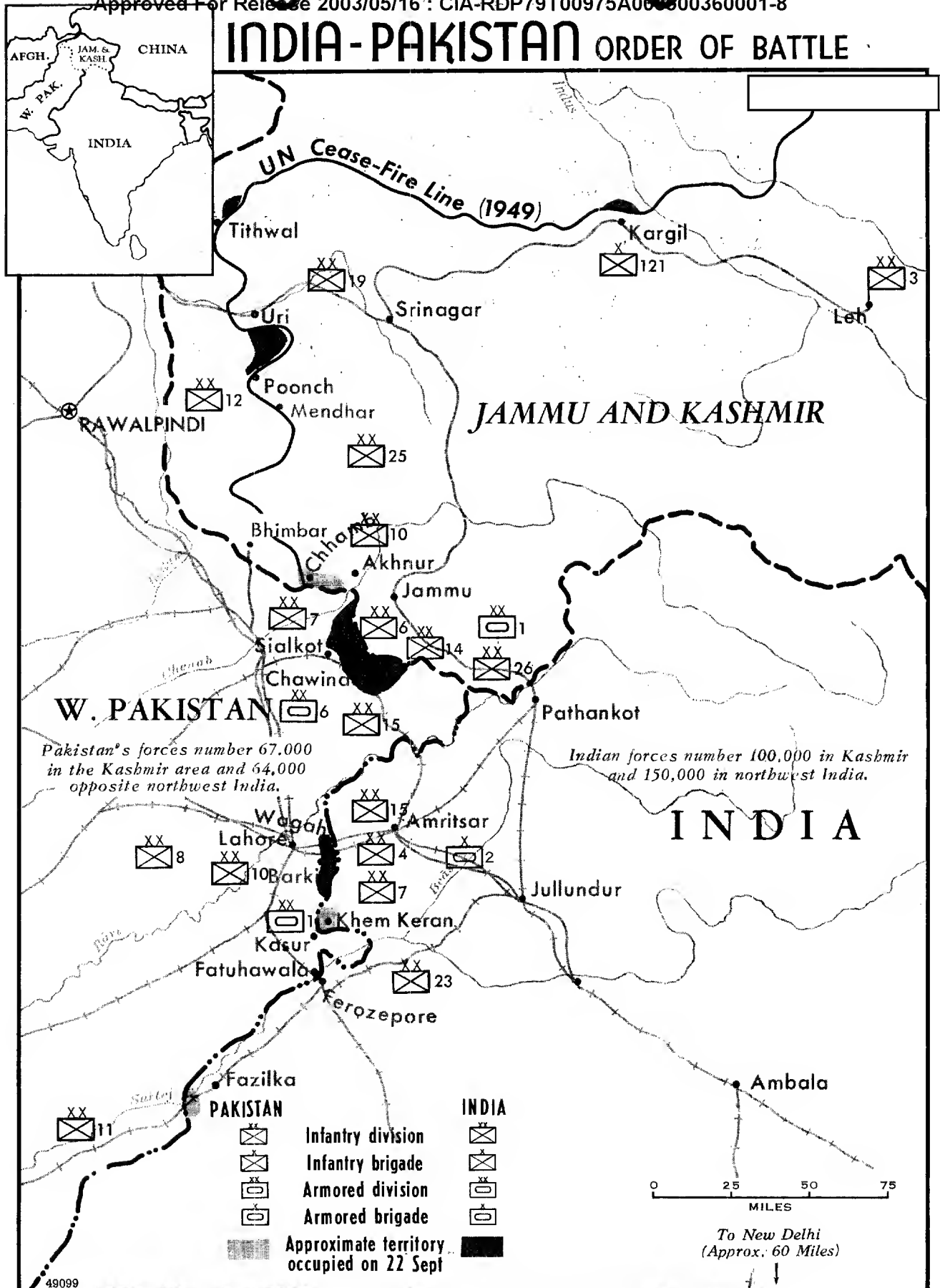


the status and activities of the North Vietnamese 325th Infantry Division in South Vietnam. The deserter stated that the Division had infiltrated into South Vietnam in four phases extending from late 1964 through mid-1965. In addition to the three organic infantry regiments now accepted by MACV as being in South Vietnam, he stated that a transportation battalion, a guard company, a medical company, an engineer company, a signals company and possibly a chemical company had also infiltrated to the south.

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*India-Pakistan: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT)

There has been little change in the basic military-diplomatic situation.

The Indian Government yesterday issued a five-page statement alleging 251 cease-fire violations in the 20-day period since the truce was instituted. Few of the charges appear new. The document warns that these violations "have in them the seeds of escalation of the conflict and need to be checked before it is too late." The statement and the warning it contains, however, can probably be viewed as part of the groundwork for future diplomatic maneuvers.

Indian press sources are also alleging that over the past two weeks Pakistanis have been firing intermittently across the East Pakistan border into the Indian state of Assam. A dusk-to-dawn restriction on the movement of persons has been imposed and civil defense training has been intensified in one checkpoint area on the Indian side of the border. Both sides, however, have thus far attempted to avoid serious trouble in East Pakistan.

Several more persons were killed or wounded in Srinagar, the major city in Indian Kashmir, on 11 October, according to press accounts. In addition, a policeman and a civilian were wounded yesterday when a handgrenade was thrown at a group of police within the city. The Indian press reports that Srinagar schools have been closed for three days. Rioting by pro-Pakistani elements last weekend resulted in a night-time curfew and the arrest of several opposition political leaders. Indian authorities can be expected to react quickly and harshly to further disorders. However,

all four of the Azad (free) Kashmir battalions infiltrated into Indian-held Kashmir in August have now returned to the Pakistani side of the cease-fire line.]

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In a conversation with Ambassador McConaughy yesterday, Pakistani Foreign Secretary Aziz Ahmed suggested that Pakistan was coming to the conclusion that the UN was unable to preserve the cease-fire, and accordingly Pakistan may have to fall back on its own resources. As a result, Ahmed said, a number of things may have to be done "which taken together may lead to escalation." The Ambassador has noticed a number of signs which may indicate the Pakistanis may make important decisions around 15-16 October and believes it prudent to anticipate a stiffer Pakistani response to Indian cease-fire violations. It is likely, however, that the Pakistani warning is primarily intended to stimulate greater Western pressure for a rapid solution to the Kashmir problem.

Ahmed also suggested that Pakistan anticipated little effective action on this problem in the near future within the UN and was again considering accepting the Soviet offer of its "good offices" in an effort to resolve the issue. Pakistani officials have raised this possibility with a number of diplomats recently, but this gambit also probably represents a Pakistani attempt to stir the US and UK into more immediate action on the Kashmir question.

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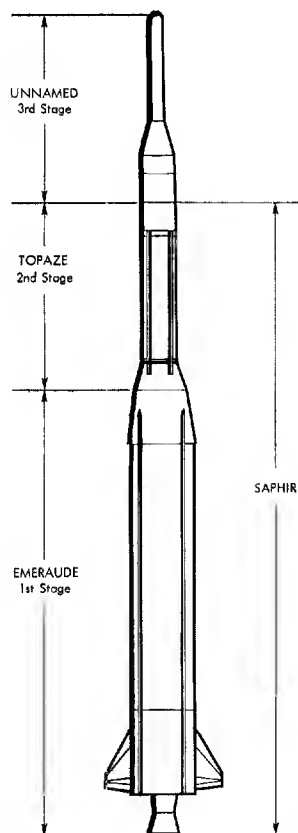
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NOTES

France: French plans to orbit a small satellite in late November or early December apparently are on schedule. On 9 October the French conducted the second successful test of the first two stages of the three-stage Diamant space launch vehicle. One earlier test failed. The third stage of the Diamant has already been test flown several times.

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DIAMANT I

DIAMANT CHARACTERISTICS

1st Stage (Emeraude) - Liquid Fueled	
Thrust	61,600 pounds
Burning Time	88 seconds
Launch Weight	31,306 pounds
Length	393 inches
Diameter	55 inches
2nd Stage (Topaze) - Solid Fueled	
Thrust	31,900 pounds
Burning Time	39 seconds
Launch Weight	6,300 pounds
Length	114 inches
Diameter	31.6 inches
3rd Stage (Unnamed) - Solid Fueled	
Thrust	Variable from 5,600 to 11,900 pounds
Burning Time	45 seconds
Launch Weight	1,610 pounds
Length less Nosecone	117 inches
Diameter	25.6 inches

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